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1. Frame for a sporting device for coupling to a shoe, such as a ski which is slidable or rollable by means of wheels, in particular a cross-country ski, or a skate frame for an ice-skate or roller-skate, which frame 5 comprises:

an upper sub-frame with means for coupling to a shoe to be worn by a user;

10 a lower sub-frame which is coupled via a pivot mechanism to said upper sub-frame for pivoting in a main plane and which is provided with or adapted to be provided with a runner or wheels; and

resetting spring means for urging both sub-frames toward each other;

characterized in that

15 the sub-frames are mutually pivotable and translatable in the said main plane.

2. Frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sub-frames form part of a mechanism comprising at least four mutually pivotable and/or translatable (optionally 20 theoretical) rods.

3. Frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame has only one degree of freedom.

4. Frame as claimed in claim 3, wherein the frame has a (real or virtual) pole path.

25 5. Frame as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pole path is substantially straight.

6. Frame as claimed in claim 3, wherein the pole path extends substantially horizontally.

30 7. Frame as claimed in claim 4, wherein the pole path extends between a starting position under the ball of the foot of a user in the rest position of the frame, and an end position under the big toe of the user in the extreme outward pivoted position of the frame.

35 8. Frame as claimed in claim 3, wherein at constant relative angular speed of the sub-frames the

speed of the pole along the pole path increases from the starting position to the end position.

9. Frame as claimed in claim 4, wherein a frame is a member of the family in accordance with the table 5 below, in which the first number designates the number of (optionally theoretical) rods, p1 designates the number of connections with one degree of freedom, p2 designates the number of connections with two degrees of freedom and 10 # designates the presence of a well-defined pole path and therewith the suitability for a sporting device with foot bending:

	Family/member	Figure	p1	p2	suitable
15	2 / 1	8	0	2	#
	3 / 1	9	2	1	
	3 / 2	10	1	1	
	3 / 3	11	0	1	
	4 / 1	12	4	0	#
20	4 / 2	13	4	0	#
	4 / 3	14	3	2	#
	4 / 4	15	2	4	#
	4 / 5	16	1	6	#
	4 / 6	17	0	8	#
25	5 / 1	18	5	1	#
	5 / 2	19	4	3	#
	5 / 3	20	3	5	#
	5 / 4	21	2	7	#
	5 / 5	22	1	9	#
30	5 / 6	23	0	11	#
	6 / 1	24	7	0	#
	6 / 2	25	6	2	#
	6 / 3	26	5	4	#
	6 / 4	27	4	6	#
35	6 / 5	28	3	8	#
	6 / 6	29	2	10	#
	6 / 7	30	1	12	#
	6 / 8	31	0	14	#

10. Frame as claimed in claim 9, wherein the frame comprises seven, eight, nine or ten pivot axes.

11. Frame as claimed in claim 10, wherein the frame comprises seven pivot axes.

5 12. Frame as claimed in claim 11, wherein the frame is constructed as according to figure 24 and (at least the relative) dimensioning according to figure 35.

Set 13 13. Frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame has torsional stiffness.

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